

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent application of: )  
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Douglas G. Nelson ) Examiner: Timothy D. Collins  
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Serial No.: To be Assigned ) Group Art Unit: 3643  
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Filed: October 10, 2003 )  
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For: *Anti-Hijacking System Operable in* )  
*Emergencies to Deactivate On-Board* )  
*Flight Controls and Remotely Pilot* )  
*Aircraft Utilizing Autopilot* )

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER**  
**MPEP §708.02 XI - INVENTION FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant, Douglas G. Nelson, through his undersigned registered patent attorney, hereby requests that his above-captioned patent application be advanced out of turn for examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.102. Applicant's request that his application be granted special status is based on the fact that the invention provides a system for countering terrorism. More particularly, in response to the on-board activation of a panic button by a flight crew in case of a commercial airline hijacking, on-board flight control by persons on the aircraft is deactivated. Instead, the aircraft is remotely piloted to a secure landing strip, or the aircraft automatically lands itself in accordance with pre-programmed criteria. The aircraft's on-board human control of pre-determined aircraft flight systems may also be remotely overridden upon the aircraft departing from its scheduled flight path, for example. Transmitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$130 to cover the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i).

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Applicant has complied with all the conditions of MPEP §708.2 XI and therefore requests that the above-captioned application be granted special status throughout its prosecution, including any appeal that might be necessary to the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences.

Respectfully submitted,

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